

Amendments to the Specification:

Additions are indicated by underlining and deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~.

A. Please replace the original title with the following amended title:

G-CSF Polypeptides and Conjugates

B. Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 12-16 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of USSN 09/760,008 filed January 10, 2001, which claims priority to and benefit of USSN 60/176,376 filed on January 14, 2000, USSN 60/189,506 filed on March 15, 2000, USSN 60/215,644 filed on June 30, 2000, Danish Application No. PA 2000 00024 filed on January 10, 2000, Danish Application No. PA 2000 00341 filed on March 2, 2000, and Danish Application No. PA 2000 00943 filed on June 16, 2000.

C. Please replace the paragraphs on page 37, lines 5-13 with the following amended paragraphs:

His-His-His-His-His (SEQ ID NO:9)

Met-Lys-His-His-His-His-His-His (SEQ ID NO:10)

Met-Lys-His-His-Ala-His-His-Gln-His-His (SEQ ID NO:11)

Met-Lys-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln (SEQ ID NO:12)

Met-Lys-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-Gln (SEQ ID NO:5)

or any of the following:

EQKLI SEEDL (SEQ ID NO:13; a C-terminal tag described in Mol. Cell. Biol. 5:3610-16, 1985)

DYKDDDDK (SEQ ID NO:14; a C- or N-terminal tag)

YPYDVPDYA (SEQ ID NO:15).

D. Please replace the paragraph on page 58, lines 22-26, with the following amended paragraph:

A polypeptide exhibiting G-CSF activity is expressed with a suitable tag, e.g. any of the tags exemplified in the general description above, and culture broth is transferred to one or more wells of a microtiter plate capable of immobilising the tagged polypeptide. When the tag is Met-Lys-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-His-Gln-Gln (SEQ ID NO:5), a nickel-nitrilotriacetic acid (Ni-NTA) HisSorb microtiter plate commercially available from QIAGEN can be used.

E. Please delete the Sequence Listing on pages 81-84 of the application, and enter the enclosed Sequence Listing pages 1-5.